projects provides that 12% of power from the energy generated by power station would be supplied free of cost to those States of the region (including the State where the hydro-electric project is located) where distress is caused by setting up the project at the specific site, like submergence, dislocation of population, the allocation being made in proportion to the extent of such distress. Presently, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to change these provisions.

The issue of allocation of 12 per cent power free of cost to Uttaranchal from hydroelectric power projects like Tehri HEP Stage-I (1000 MW) and Vishnuprayag (400 MW), located in Uttaranchal, would be decided in due course keeping in view the provisions of relevant agreements, applicable law, as well as guidelines relating to sharing of power among beneficiary States/Union Territories.

Failure of Power System

†389. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power system all over the country has failed;

(b) if so, State-wise/metropolitan cities-wise/rural area-wise details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been increase in the incidents of failure of grids due to fault in most of the equipments of main distribution system;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government proposes to take to streamline the distribution system of electricity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) There has been no incidence of major disturbances on account of failure of the equipment of main distribution system. However, there have been six major grid disturbances on account of faults in Extra High Voltage/High Voltage systems in the various regions during the last three years.

(e) The responsibility for sub-transmission and distribution systems comes under the purview of respective State Governments.

Ministry of Power has, however, taken following steps for improvement in distribution system:—

(i) Creation of special fund under Accelerated Power Development Programme for upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution network including energy accounting and metering in the distribution circles as well as for renovation, modernization and life extension/uprating of existing and old generating stations.

(ii) One time settlement of outstanding liabilities of the State utilities through securitisation of their dues and towards central power sector utilities.

(iii) Metering of all consumers in a phased manner.

(iv) Introduction of Electricity Bill-2001 and enactment of Electricity Conservation Act.

(v) Issue of general guidelines to the State Electricity Boards/ Electricity Departments for reduction of Transmission and Distribution losses and for Energy Audit in power system.

(vi) Payment of incentive to State Electricity Boards/Electricity Departments and their distribution divisions for achieving reduction of Transmission and Distribution losses.